

EXPERIENCE CARMEL!



AUGUST 10 • Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Bike Carmel: Family Fun Ride, College Wood Elementary

AUGUST 10 • Saturday, 5–9 p.m.
Meet Me on Main, Arts & Design District

AUGUST 10 • Saturday, 6–8 p.m.
Chinese Mooncake Festival, Arts & Design District

AUGUST 13 • Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Bike Carmel: Slow Roll Ride, Clay Terrace

AUGUST 24 • Saturday, Noon–5 p.m.
Artomobilia, Arts & Design District

SEPTEMBER 7 • Sat., 9 p.m.–Midnight
Late Night on Main, Arts & Design District

SEPTEMBER 13–15 • Friday to Sunday
Carmel on Canvas, Arts & Design District (Times vary)

SEPTEMBER 14 • Saturday, 5–9 p.m.
Meet Me on Main, Arts & Design District

SEPTEMBER 15 • Sunday, 1–5 p.m.
Porchfest, Arts & Design District

SEPTEMBER 20 • Friday, 6–10 p.m.
Oktoberfest, Carmel City Center

SEPTEMBER 21 • Saturday, Noon–4 p.m.
Art of the Dog, Midtown Plaza

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29 • Saturday & Sunday
Carmel International Arts Festival, Arts & Design District

OCTOBER 5 • Saturday, 9 p.m.–Midnight
Late Night on Main, Arts & Design District

OCTOBER 8 • Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Bike Carmel: Slow Roll Ride

OCTOBER 12 • Saturday, 5–9 p.m.
Meet Me on Main, Arts & Design District

OCTOBER 25 • Friday, 6–9 p.m.
Highgarden Halloween, Arts & Design District



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CITY CELEBRATES MIDTOWN PLAZA OPENING

A large crowd of soccer fans gathered in the City of Carmel's new Midtown Plaza in early July to watch World Cup Soccer on the big screen. Those outdoor viewing parties were not the first occasions for big crowds there.

Since its opening in May, Midtown Plaza has quickly become a destination spot for visitors, residents and daytime office workers looking for a place to gather with friends and family. From busy lunch-time crowds to festive summer evenings, Midtown has been hopping with excitement.

Anchored by a public plaza that features green space, Midtown is the place to play on free outdoor ping pong tables, a pool table, funky chairs and swings, shaded seating areas and after-dark views of lighted trees and a fireplace. The 16-foot-wide video screen will be programmed to enhance the experience with live sporting events, occasional movies and other video highlights of our City.

Midtown Carmel is located between the Arts & Design District and City Center and includes the new Plaza, the expanded Monon Greenway and Monon Boulevard. It has already attracted \$175 million in private investment and will soon see the grand opening of another corporate headquarters when Merchants Bank officially opens its doors in August.

Midtown Plaza is a key element to the success of this redevelopment project. It was built with the goal of providing a place where office workers can mix and mingle with new apartment dwellers and incoming visitors from throughout the Midwest. The Plaza is a place for people to gather from all walks of life, breaking down barriers and helping bring together people. It provides a place for the entire family to play or relax together.

[For more on this strategy, check out Mayor Brainard's column on Page 2. Also, see the Midtown Plaza photo-feature on Page 4 & 5.](#)

PROGRESS AT 96TH & KEYSTONE

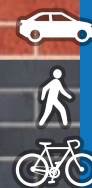
Completion of this vital project is still several months away, however, traffic is already flowing much better for motorists at the intersection of 96th Street and Keystone Parkway – thanks to the removal of traffic lights that had been causing long backups during rush-hour traffic.

As work began in the middle of the intersection, east-west access on 96th Street was eliminated so road crews could begin building bridges to carry Keystone Parkway traffic up and over 96th Street. While this had an impact on some drivers, the majority of the traffic is northbound or southbound on Keystone and for them, things got much better.

Instead of the long lights, the new traffic configuration gives Keystone Parkway motorists dedicated lanes to move through the intersection or to turn right onto 96th Street from either direction. This small step has eliminated the long backups at rush hour, but because this is an active construction zone, please use caution and move slowly for the safety of both drivers and construction workers.



The new interchange, which will be controlled by roundabouts similar to 116th Street and Meridian, should be substantially completed by the end of the year. The interchange will improve traffic safety while boosting mobility.



RED BRICK VS. GRAY BRICK ON MONON BLVD

The beautiful new Monon Boulevard is now open to traffic and we want to make sure everyone stays safe along the Monon Greenway. **See Page 7 for the key to safely navigating this area regarding pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.**

FOR MORE INFO Visit Carmel.IN.gov or call (317) 571-2401



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“Placemaking in Midtown brings us all together.”

The recent opening of Midtown Plaza calls to mind the goals we have had for more than 20 years in Carmel. We have focused our efforts on creating public spaces, welcoming places for people from all walks of life to gather and meet their neighbors.

Renowned urban planners agree that great cities around the world pay attention to the public realm, creating remarkable places that are open to all and fill a variety of needs, attracting people from far and near, welcoming pedestrians in a safe area and nurturing a civil society.

In our new Midtown, it might involve meeting for dinner and then spending time playing games or just sitting and chatting on a cool summer’s night. Our city parks offer similar opportunities, but Midtown Plaza is uniquely situated in our more densely populated central core, surrounded by commercial retail, restaurants and residential units. Because of this placement, it remains open much later in the evening in a safe, well-lit, bustling area.

We have worked hard to support our locally-owned restaurants and businesses. One of our goals with Midtown is to create a vibrant and bustling corridor that is filled with office workers during the day and apartment residents in the evening, to mix in with the tourists and visitors who are there at all hours of the day – spending money at our restaurants and shops, whose owners have invested in our City.

We have also worked hard to bring a new vision to once abandoned and under-used areas like Midtown, which not only increases the value of the area, but also reverses the trend to encourage suburban sprawl away from the central corridor of our city, where its infrastructure already exists. We have proudly entered into partnerships with private developers to redevelop Midtown and other areas like the Arts & Design District and City Center into vibrant and sustainable areas.

Aside from all of that, let’s not forget that the new Midtown Plaza is basically a new City park; a place for people from across the city to come together and enjoy the community they call home. It is nestled in the heart of a growing area with beautiful architecture, public art and a busy Monon Greenway.

In a world where social media polarizes us in opposite directions, we look at Midtown as one step toward reversing that trend by bringing people back together with a common goal of simply enjoying their community and fellowship with their neighbors.

Jim Brainard

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CARMEL CITY COUNCIL

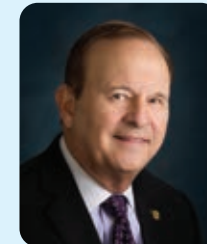
Carmel City Council is comprised of seven members elected to four-year terms: two at-large and five elected from five districts. The City Council constitutes the legislative body of the city. It has power over the city budget, and passes city ordinances and resolutions. Current members are:



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CMYC: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CARMEL

By Emma Uber – The Carmel Mayor’s Youth Council (CMYC) is a group of Carmel’s most accomplished adolescents who feel passionate about expanding their knowledge of local government and positively impacting their community.

Throughout the spring and summer, CMYC members host complimentary valet bike parking at the Carmel Farmer’s Market. All donations collected at bike parking go towards funding the wide variety of events CMYC holds in order to benefit the community.

“CMYC plans events for the community, usually for families or high schoolers, and also gets to learn about local government, whether that’s through touring the police department or having a Q&A session with the mayor,” Clerk-Treasurer and second term member Jaehee Kim said.

The council’s first event of the new term will be an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament hosted at Carmel High School (CHS) in September. More information will be available on the Carmel Mayor’s Youth Council Facebook page. Howl-O-Ween, a canine costume contest and dog festival benefitting Hamilton County Humane Society, is expected to take place in October at West Park. CMYC has worked closely with local organizations such as Riley Children’s Hospital, Special Olympics and many more to make events such as these possible.

Overall, CMYC members strive to create family friendly events for the community and fundraise for local organizations while simultaneously educating themselves on city-wide issues. For any high schoolers interested, the application period begins each March.

“I think an interesting impact CMYC has is that it shows other youth that getting involved with local government and adults isn’t that hard to do. It’s a matter of stepping outside your comfort zone and taking the initiative to do so by talking with city council members,” Kim said.

For information on CMYC events, members or how to get involved visit cmycouncil.com. Additionally, CMYC can be found on Facebook and Instagram [@cmycouncil](#).

MAKING IT EASY TO VOLUNTEER FOR CARMEL EVENTS



With the task of planning and implementing more than 50 free public events each year, the City of Carmel relies heavily on the time and talents of dedicated volunteers. That’s why the

City of Carmel has unveiled a user-friendly, online platform on which to list event opportunities and recruit volunteers. Known as **CERVIS** (Community Event Registration & Volunteer Information System), the online system allows event planners to match volunteer interests with specific needs, communicate

freely with volunteers before and after each event, and track and recognize the hours of dedicated work those volunteers put in each year.

“On almost a weekly basis, residents will ask me how they can get involved to support their community,” said City Council President Jeff Worrell. “My response is usually based on my awareness of immediate needs. This program will not only help us connect willing volunteers with groups looking for immediate help, but will help us keep track of everyone ready, willing and able to serve in a variety of capacities throughout the year.”

Prospective volunteers should visit Carmel.in.gov and click on **LIVE**, then *Volunteer Carmel*. There, they will find event descriptions and a link to CERVIS where they can create a profile and sign up for their favorite events. Volunteers need only register once, but can log in at any time to register for future events, track their hours and receive real-time correspondence before, during and after each event.

Volunteer Carmel is looking for volunteers now.

Questions can be directed to Melanie Brewer, Project Manager, at (317) 571-2474 or mbrewer@carmel.in.gov



MidtownPlazaCarmel.com

Games are **FREE** and include use of equipment such as cues, paddles, balls and bags.



CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Thank you to **Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.** for the K9 Narcan. Our K9 Officers Mike and Lolo were the recent recipients of the lifesaving medication kits to be carried by their handlers specifically for the K9s.

Pictured is Mike and his handler, Officer Gauthier.



Lucas Ray, CFD Fire Marshal



CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT NAMES A NEW FIRE MARSHAL

With the retirement of Bruce Knott, Carmel Fire Chief David Haboush named Lucas Ray as Carmel’s new Fire Marshal.

Ray has been with the Fire Department for 11 years and has worked in the Fire Marshal’s office for the last six years. Ray has a solid understanding of the inner-workings of the prevention division regarding investigations, prevention, inspections, public education, plan review and building codes. *“Over the years, Luke has been very creative in working both internally and externally with community members to resolve issues ensuring the best outcomes for our firefighters and our community,”* Chief Haboush said.

FIREFIGHTER FOR A DAY CAMP

Carmel firefighters do a great job of making fire safety education fun for kids. CFD hosted its annual camp for children to teach the do’s and don’ts of preventing and handling “heated” situations. The free camp was full of activities to prepare participants for anything in case of a fire. *“We not only have fun, but they also learn the fundamentals of fire safety,”* Firefighter Tim Griffin says. *“I always say that my hope is 20 years from now, one of these camp kids is sitting next to me on one of the rigs, going out and fighting fire.”*



RED VS. GRAY ON MONON BLVD

Choose your path wisely:

RED is for cars

GRAY is for bikes & walkers

Warm weather brings crowds to the new Midtown Plaza and Arts & Design District - which means the Monon Greenway is busy. While construction continues, it’s important to note that the Monon Boulevard streets are open now to traffic and we want to make sure everyone stays safe.



GRAY BRICK PATHS...

are for bicyclists and pedestrians and can be found on the outer sidewalks and throughout the expanded middle section of the Greenway (portions of which are still under construction).



RED BRICK STREETS...

are for vehicles between Elm Street (at Midtown Plaza) and 1st Street SW (for northbound traffic); and from Main Street to 2nd Street SW (for southbound traffic).

Although there is still some work to be done, this color configuration will remain in place and should be followed for the safety of everyone.

STAY CONNECTED WITH CARMEL!

There is a lot going on in the City of Carmel – from festivals and fun events to road construction and new building projects! Keep up on our news by subscribing to our weekly electronic newsletter (sent by e-mail every Friday) and by subscribing to our YouTube channel to be notified whenever we post a new video.

- www.YouTube.com/user/CityofCarmel
- Visit www.Carmel.IN.gov, then click on “Newsletters” in the top menu.



UPCOMING BIKE CARMEL EVENTS



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Visit [BikeCarmel.com](http://www.BIKECARMEL.com) for details.

AUGUST 13 • Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Bike Carmel: Slow Roll Ride, Clay Terrace

AUGUST 23 • Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Coffee on the Monon, 96th Street Trailhead

SEPTEMBER 27 • Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Coffee on the Monon, 96th Street Trailhead

OCTOBER 5–6 • Saturday & Sunday
IU Health North Hospital Bike Carmel: S240 Camping Ride, Founders Park

OCTOBER 8 • Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Bike Carmel: Slow Roll Ride



BIKE CARMEL IS HIRING!

The City of Carmel is looking for enthusiastic individuals who want to be our mascot. We are looking for both mascots and spotters. For more information, please visit: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/carmelin/default.cfm>

RIDE & CAMP TOGETHER!

The family-friendly IU Health North Hospital Bike Carmel: Family Camping S240 has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6. This ride is a great introduction to bicycle touring and is designed to be much less intimidating than some traditional rides. Sub 24-hour Overnight (S24O) rides have been increasing in popularity across the country and Bike Carmel is proud to host the first in the community.

More information can be found at BikeCarmel.com/events or by searching Bike Carmel on Facebook.

